

5 **MEANS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING PROTEASE
 INHIBITOR ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY AND GUIDING
 THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS**

Abstract of the Invention

10 This invention relates to antiviral drug
 susceptibility and resistance tests to be used in
 identifying effective drug regimens for the treatment
 of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and
 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), particularly
15 treatment regimens including a protease inhibitor. The
 invention further relates to the means and methods of
 monitoring the clinical progression of HIV infection
 and its response to antiretroviral therapy using
 phenotypic or genotypic susceptibility assays.
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